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ROSER et al.

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INCORPORATING SUBSTANCES
WITHIN DRY, FOAMED GLASS
MATRICES AND COMPOSITIONS
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is being submitted preliminary to the examination of the above-referenced patent application in order to amend the claims as agreed at a recent Examiners' interview.

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (twice amended) A method for producing thin, foamed glass matrices (FGMs), comprising the steps of:
 - (a) preparing an initial mixture comprising at least one glass matrix-forming material and a solvent therefor;

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